

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

In addition, if the concern is to inform the public of critical facts so as to vitalize the electorate and sharpen the critical thinking aspect of our nations voters, please be sure to also broadcast "Unprecedented- The 2000 Elections" which critically and factually analyzes the complete circus that it was and how it was patently criminal. This of course, to be fair and balanced to all sides, I am sure is your intent in running the anti-Kerry film, right? Thank you.